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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Appln. of: Kroninger, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/729,882

Filed: December 5, 2003

For: METHOD OF PROCESSING A  
WORKPIECE, AND A WORK CARRIER,  
IN PARTICULAR OF POROUS CERAMIC

Docket No: 10808/116

Examiner: Mark A. Osele

Art Unit: 1791

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action of November 4, 2009 in the above-referenced application, please reconsider the final rejection in view of the amendment and remarks presented herein.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning at page 2 of this paper.

Applicants' remarks begin at page 6 of this paper.